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Applicant : COX et al.  
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#### APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW SUMMARY

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Sir:

25 The applicants thank the examiner for conducting a very productive telephone interview after the final Office Action mailed August 17, 2004. That interview, held September 21, 2004, was discussed in an Examiner's Interview Summary, mailed September 23, 2004. Regarding that Examiner's Interview Summary, applicants note that claim 6 was discussed, rather than claim 1. Claim 1 was not pending in the application at the time of the interview.

30 The applicants provide the following statement regarding the substance of the interview.

35 The applicants and the examiner discussed related features of claims 6 and 11, and noted that other independent claims also included related features. The applicants and the examiner reached agreement that the cited art failed to disclose a narrow-beam, ground-based antenna of fixed orientation, used with a sub-orbital platform that is maintained

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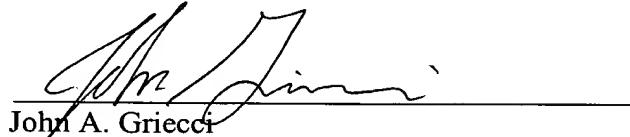
within the beamwidth of the antenna. However, the Examiner required clarification of the phrase "generally fixed orientation."

Respectfully submitted,

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